

ALL SAINTS'

CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



Parent Bulletin – w/b 16/10/23

Thought for the Week: 'The Lord bestows His blessing, even life forevermore.' Psalm 133:3 NIV

Reminders/information:

All Saints' Way – This week's All Saints' way theme is Aspire! We encourage students to aspire to be the best academically and socially. Interhouse competitions will be continuing after half term for Industria (Years 7) and Caritas (Year 8). Students have really enjoyed the activities so far. Congratulations to Servio (6th form) who were the winners against Fidem (Year 11).



Rewards

Last week staff spent time completing praise postcards for Year 7-13. Over 1000 cards were completed and the Year Captains have been going around tutor groups to deliver the cards. Well done to all students who received them for their efforts in and out of class!

Reminders

A reminder that chewing gum is not allowed in school. Also, a gentle reminder that we recommend that students do not bring valuables into school such as mobile phones, electronic devices and large amounts of money. School cannot take responsibility for any lost items and will not carry out investigations into this.

We are informing students this week that they are welcome to email staff on the school email address if they have questions about work or homework, but this should be done before 6pm at night and after 8am in the morning. Staff will respond during working hours.

Please could parents and carers ensure that student names are written or sewn into items of uniform which could be lost or misplaced e.g. blazers, ties, PE hoodies. We have a lot of lost property with no way of identifying the owner. Names in uniform would really help.

Catholic Life

Year 7 shared in the celebration of a commentary Mass on Friday where they learned more about this important eucharistic liturgy. Also, this Thursday, a small group of students will be taking part in a Trust Synod event in Lincoln.

Online safety

Six top tips for social networking

1. **Know who their friends are**

Children often have competitions to have the largest numbers of 'friends', but do they know them all well enough? Remember that online friends will see everything that your child posts online.

2. **Share with care**

Children often forget that once it's online it's out of their control. News, photos and posts often go viral without the originator knowing.

3. **Use the privacy settings**

Children and adults often forget to limit or set their privacy settings. This gives people online access to anything that is posted.

4. **Report it, stop it!**

The top social networks have buttons to report inappropriate activity or abuse. Don't be afraid to use it and encourage its usage.

5. **Know how to get help**

You and your child are not alone, authorities such as CEOP (Police), the NSPCC, the network provider and Childline all offer advice.

Be their friend

Being their friend on social networking sites is the easiest way of keeping up to date.

School Dinner Cards – Please can you check that your child is taking their dinner card to school each day. We recommend they keep it in their school bag to avoid forgetting it on PE days. The number of students forgetting their card is increasing causing huge delays in the canteen. If your child has lost their card, please ask them to visit the IT Team and purchase another one for £1. Thank you

Free School Meals - Derbyshire County Council administers the applications for **Free School Meals** for students studying at All Saints' Catholic Voluntary Academy. Please use the link below to apply.

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

If your child is in receipt of **Free School Meals** you may be able to receive support with payments for school trips and uniform. If you are unsure whether you are entitled to claim, please complete the eligibility form on the website to check.

If you experience any difficulties please let us know and we will ask Derbyshire County Council to assist.

Personal Development:

1. **Wellbeing** – This week students have been delivered a session based on the ITV project linked to last week's World Mental Health day. Students have been set a homework task to write down a subject they find difficult and to share this with a trusted adult at home. For more information please click the link below: [Britain Get Talking | Home \(itv.com\)](https://www.britaingettalking.com/home). There is lots of information, including; 'Top tips for having difficult conversations.

Wellbeing reminder: Please remember that the link on our website is: [Wellbeing - All Saints' Catholic Voluntary Academy - Mansfield](#). In addition, if you have any questions or specific concerns regarding your child's wellbeing then please email the address: wellbeing@allsaints.notts.sch.uk.

2. Careers update – Please see details below of an RAF event for Y10-13:

Dear Careers Leads,

Please find below an invite to your Year 10/ 11/12 and 13 students and parents to join us at our next RAF World event on Wed 29 Nov at 1910 hrs. The event, which is free, provides attendees with a chance to explore 3 different operational zones from around the globe and delve into the roles on offer within the RAF. This is followed by interviews with real-life RAF personnel and chat rooms where you can talk to our friendly recruit and engagement staffs who will be ready to answer any of your questions no matter how big or small.

[RAF World Tickets, Wed 29 Nov 2023 at 19:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Kind regards

Tray, [RAF Careers Engagement Website](#)

- You can also visit our school website: [Careers - All Saints' Catholic Voluntary Academy - Mansfield.](#)

Parent Governor election

A reminder that there is a vacancy for a parent governor at All Saints'. Information was emailed out to parents and this can also be found on the school website in the 'latest news' section. Deadline for nominations is Friday 20th October.

Extra-curricular reminder:

Day	Break/Tutor time	Lunch 12:55 – 1:30pm	After School/Community Clubs 3:35 – 4:30pm
Monday		Year 10-11 badminton/ table tennis (6th form) sports hall Computer coding club, M11, MWN	School games competitions (External schools) Homework Club (Library, 3.35-4.30pm)
Tuesday		Year 7 Games (Year 7 zone) (HDN)	Girls football (All years - Astro turf) GCS Boys football (Year 7-9 - Field) OTN Homework Club (Library, 3.35-4.30pm)
Wednesday		Year 7 –8 Dodgeball (AKT/ 6th form) Year 7 Science Club, AGT, S4	Year 7-9 Netball RSD Year 7/ 8 Trampoline DHS Homework Club (Library, 3.35-4.30pm)
Thursday		Year 9 Badminton/ Table Tennis (6th form) sports hall	Year 10/ 11 Netball HFT Examination PE trampolining OTN Examination PE badminton/table tennis RGN KS3 Rugby KS4/5 Gym X19 RDE Homework Club (Library, 3.35-4.30pm) STEM club, X9 3.35-4.30pm, LPR (Starts in November) Textiles Club (CCE, all years, in A3)
Friday		Year 9- 10 Basketball (RGN)	

Parent and Carer Planner 2023-2024

Week Beginning 16 th Oct	Year 11 Mock Exam Support Sessions
Friday 20 th October	Year 13 Data Report Year 11 Attitude Report
Students finish school on Friday 20 th Oct and return to school on Tuesday 7th November. (Includes INSET Day on Monday 6 th November).	
Tuesday 7 th November (All week)	Year 11 Mock Exams begin
Monday 13 th November (All week)	Year 11 and Year 13 Mock Exams
Monday 20 th November (All week)	Year 13 Mock Exams
INSET Day on Monday 4 th December- Students not in school.	
Thursday 14 th December	Year 13 Mock Results Morning
Friday 15 th December	Year 11 Mock Results Morning
Monday 18 th December	Year 12 and 13 Progress Evening for Parents. In Person
Students finish school on Friday 22 nd Dec and return to school on Thursday 4th January.	
Week beginning 8 th January 2024	Year 7-10 Data Information. Year 7 Reports.
Monday 8 th January (All week)	Year 11 Mock Speaking Exams for MFL
Tuesday 16 th January	Year 11 Progress Evening for Parents. In Person
Week beginning 22 nd January	Year 8 Reports
Wednesday 31 st January	Year 8 Progress Evening for Parents. In Person
Wednesday 7 th February	Year 8 Options Afternoon
Wednesday 7 th February	Year 8 Options Information for Parents. Online
Wednesday 7 th February	Year 11 Drama Exam
Thursday 8 th February	Year 11 Drama Exam
INSET Day on Friday 9 th February- Students not in school. Students return to school on Monday 19th February.	
Wednesday 21 st February (All week)	Year 11 and 13 Mock Exams
Monday 26 th February (All week)	Year 11 and 13 Mock Exams
Monday 4 th March until 12 th March	Year 12 Exams
Thursday 7 th March	Year 7 Progress Evening for Parents. Online
Thursday 21 st March	School Show
Friday 22 nd March	School Show
Thursday 28 th March	Year 11, 13 and 12 Data Drop Year 12 Reports
Students break up on Thursday 28 th March and return to school on Monday 15th April.	
Week beginning 15 th April	Year 7 to 10 Data
Monday 15 th April until 26 th April	Year 11 MFL Speaking Exams (Actual)
Monday 22 nd April	Year 10 Exams Week
Monday 6 th May - Bank Holiday	
Monday 13 th May	GCSE and A-Level External Exams Begin
Friday 10 th May	Year 11 Drama Exam
Monday 13 th May (All Week)	Year 9 Exams Week
Monday 20 th May	Year 10 Progress Evening for Parents. Online
Week beginning 20 th May	Year 10 Exam Results and Report
Friday 24 th May	Year 13 Leavers' Mass
Students break up on Friday 24 th May and return to school on Monday 3rd June.	
Week beginning 17 th June	Year 9 Exam Results and Report
Wednesday 19 th June	Year 9 Progress Evening for Parents. Online
Friday 21 st June	Year 13 Prom
Monday 24 th June (All Week)	Year 12 Exams
Thursday 27 th June	6 th Form Information Evening for Year 10. In Person
Friday 28 th June	Provisional end date for Year 11 and 13 External Exams.
Monday 1 st July	Provisional Sports Day
Friday 5 th July	Year 11 Prom
Week beginning Monday 8 th July	Year 7 to 10 Data
Tuesday 16 th July	Year 12 Exam Results
Friday 26 th July	Students break up for the Summer.